

MINUTES – JANUARY 19, 2012

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Historic Courthouse in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Members present: Nathaniel Hall, Chairman, Cathy W. Lucas, Vice-Chair, William E. Carter, Jeremiah Jefferies, Gordon G. Satterfield and Kenneth D. Travis. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Paula P. Seamster, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Chairman Hall opened the meeting with a Moment of Silent Prayer.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Chairman Hall stated “The purpose of this meeting is to fill the vacant position of previous commissioner Erik Battle. We do not have a printed agenda but I will tell you how I intend to proceed. The first thing we will do is review our Rules of Procedure. All the commissioners should have a copy, in front of you, of a letter from our attorney which is exactly like our Rules of Procedure. Are there any questions about the Rules of Procedure? For the public, the members of the Board will make nominations. What I will do is ask the Clerk to call the members of the Board in alphabetical order for any nominations they may have. After the nominations, this is not a part of the procedure, but after the nominations are complete we will ask any nominees, that are present, if they would like to make a 2 – 3 minute speech. After that the commissioners, if they so desire, will debate the nominees. After the debate ends the Clerk will call the roll and each commissioner will vote. The winning nominee, by our rules, must get a majority of the votes cast. Tonight there are six of us present so that means that the winning nominee must get the majority of six votes. At that point we will declare a winner and the meeting will be adjourned. Prior to adjournment though we will advise the nominee that the expectation is that the nominee will be sworn in at the next meeting.”

Chairman Hall asked “Ms. Seamster will you call the roll of commissioners in alphabetical order and ask for nominations?”

Commissioner Carter nominated Mr. Hester Vernon
Chairman Hall nominated Mr. Kent Williamson
Commissioner Jefferies nominated Mr. Kent Williamson
Commissioner Lucas nominated Mr. Cy Vernon
Commissioner Satterfield made no nomination
Commissioner Travis made no nomination

Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to close the nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Hall asked “Now that we have the nominees we will give any of the nominees present an opportunity to speak if they so desire. We have one nominee present, Mr. Vernon.”

Mr. Hester Vernon came before the Board and made the following statement:

“Mr. Commissioners and Madam Commissioner I am Hester Vernon, 3629 Yarboroughs Mill Road, Milton. I served on the board for four years and I was runner up to the two candidates who proceeded at the last election. I feel that my experience on the Board will allow me the opportunity to start to work and not have to learn the position. I am dedicated to seeing Caswell County move forward and those are some of the reasons that I would like to fill the vacancy. Thank you.”

Chairman Hall asked “Are there any of the other nominees present? Is there anyone here who would like to speak on behalf of any of the nominees? Ms. Seamster our next order of business would be to proceed to vote. If you will call the roll again and take the votes.”

Commissioner Carter voted for Mr. Hester Vernon
Chairman Hall voted for Mr. Kent Williamson
Commissioner Jefferies voted for Mr. Kent Williamson
Commissioner Lucas voted for Mr. Cy Vernon
Commissioner Satterfield voted for Mr. Hester Vernon
Commissioner Travis voted for Mr. Cy Vernon

Chairman Hall stated “Give us the results please.” Ms. Seamster informed the Board that the nominees received 2 votes each which finished in a three way tie.

Chairman Hall stated “Since none of the nominees received a majority of the votes cast we will have to hold another vote.”

Commissioner Carter voted for Mr. Hester Vernon
Chairman Hall voted for Mr. Kent Williamson
Commissioner Jefferies voted for Mr. Kent Williamson
Commissioner Lucas voted for Mr. Kent Williamson
Commissioner Satterfield voted for Mr. Hester Vernon
Commissioner Travis voted for Mr. Kent Williamson

Chairman Hall asked “Tally please?” Ms. Seamster informed the Board that there were two votes for Mr. Hester Vernon and four votes for Mr. Kent Williamson. Chairman Hall stated “Kent Williamson has received the majority of the ballots cast and will be the new appointee for this Board.”

Chairman Hall asked “Ms. Seamster I don’t know if you have an address for Mr. Williamson but we will get one and notify him in writing that he is to be the new replacement for Mr. Erik Battle and that he will be sworn in at the next regular commissioners meeting on February 6th.”

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Jefferies to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Paula P. Seamster
Clerk to the Board

Nathaniel Hall
Chairman
